

Amendment to the specification:

Insert the paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith following the Drawings.

Please insert the following paragraph after the title:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/NZ2003/000168, filed July 31, 2003, which claims the benefit of U.S Application Serial 60/400,443, filed on August 1, 2002. The contents of both applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 4, as follows:

As used herein, "preptin" is an isolated peptide of 34 amino acids in length, the sequence of which is described as in formula (I):

Asp Val Ser Thr R₁ R₂ R₃ Val Leu Pro Asp R₄ Phe Pro Arg Tyr Pro Val Gly Lys Phe Phe R₅ R₆ Asp Thr Trp R₇ Gln Ser R₈ R₉ Arg Leu ~~formula (I)~~ (SEQ ID NO:4)

Wherein:

R₁ is Ser or Pro

R₂ is Gln or Pro

R₃ is Ala or Thr

R₄ is Asp or Asn

R₅ is Gln or Lys

R₆ is Tyr or Phe

R₇ is Arg or Lys

R₈ is Ala or Thr, and

R₉ is Gly or Gln;

or an analog thereof.